

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended): A fitment comprising:

a base flange;

a hollow spout;

a removable part within a base of the spout;

an overcap for resealably closing the spout[[]]; and[[]]

a barrier foil comprising an aluminium foil coated on both sides with a plastics layer;

wherein the barrier foil is a coated aluminium foil that has ~~an exposed aluminium cut edge immediately prior to assembly in the fitment~~, an edge having a terminal side surface comprised of a portion of a first plastic layer associated with one side of the aluminium foil, a portion of a second plastic layer associated with the other side of the aluminium foil, and a portion of the aluminium foil;

the barrier foil is located within a receiving wall projecting from a first surface of the base flange; and

the barrier foil is welded to the base flange such that the receiving wall is sealed over and the exposed aluminium cut edge portion of the aluminium foil associated with the terminal side surface of the barrier foil ~~is assembled to the base flange of the pre-fabricated fitment~~ in such a manner that the exposed portion of the aluminium cut edge foil associated with the terminal side surface is covered by a portion of the base flange and sealed from contents of a container that contact the barrier foil when the fitment is assembled with the base flange inside the container.

2. (currently amended): A fitment as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the portion of the aluminium cut edge foil associated with the terminal side surface of the barrier foil is embedded in the base flange.

3. (currently amended): A fitment as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the barrier foil is sealed to the base flange.

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended): A fitment as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~claim 1 ~~and 4~~, further comprising tamper evident means.

6. (currently amended): A paperboard carton with a fitment as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~claim 1 ~~and 4~~ inserted into a pre-cut hole in a composite paperboard wall, characterised in that a seal between edges of the foil and the wall are of the same integrity as other seams in a remainder of the carton.

7. (currently amended): A plastic coated or barrier coated metal container with a fitment as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~claim 1 ~~and 4~~ inserted into a pre-cut hole in a wall of the container, characterised in that a seal between edges of the foil and the wall are of the same integrity as other seams in a remainder of the container.

8. (currently amended): A mono or multi-layer plastics container which is thermoformed, injection moulded, or blow moulded, with a fitment as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~claim 1 ~~and 4~~ inserted into a pre-cut hole in a wall of the container, characterised in that a seal between edges of the foil and the wall are of the same integrity as other seams in a remainder of the container.

9. (withdrawn): A method of manufacturing a fitment, as claimed in claim 1, comprising the steps of placing an aluminium foil having a plastics layer on each surface within a receiving wall projecting from a first surface of a base flange of a fitment that has a hollow spout extending from an opposite surface, and welding the foil to the flange such that the wall is sealed over an aluminium cut edge of the foil.

10. (withdrawn): A method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising the step of folding the receiving wall over the edge of the foil prior to the securing step.

11. (withdrawn): A method as claimed in claim 9 or 10, wherein the securing step is carried out by induction heat sealing.

12. (withdrawn): A method of manufacturing a fitment comprising the steps of wrapping a foil having a plastics layer on each surface over a first surface of a base flange of a fitment that has a hollow spout extending from an opposite surface such that the foil extends onto the opposite surface surrounding the spout, and welding the foil to the flange.

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) A fitment, as claimed in claim [[13]]1, wherein:

thea portion of the base flange covers thea portion of the first foil-sideplastic layer and the portion of the aluminium cut-edgefoil associated with the terminal side surface.

15. (currently amended) A fitment, as claimed in claim [[13]]1, wherein:

thea portion of the base flange covers thea portion of the first foil-sideplastic layer, the portion of the aluminium cut-edgecut edge associated with the terminal side surface, and at least a portion of the second foil-sideplastic layer.

16. (new) A fitment comprising:

a base flange;

a hollow spout operatively connected to the base flange;

a removable part within a base of the hollow spout;

an overcap for resealably closing the spout; and

a barrier foil with a first plastic side, a second plastic side opposite to the first plastic side, an aluminum foil located between the first and second plastic sides, and an edge having a terminal side surface comprised of a portion of each the first plastic side, second plastic side, and aluminum foil;

wherein the base flange extends over at least a portion of the first plastic side and at least a portion of the second plastic side of the terminal side surface.

17. (new) A fitment as claimed in claim 16 characterised in that:

the base flange comprises a U-shaped portion having a first leg, a second leg that is separated from the first leg, and a transverse portion that extends between the first leg and the second leg;

wherein the U-shaped portion contains a portion of the barrier foil such that:

a portion of the first plastic side of the barrier foil is adjacent to the first leg of the U-shaped portion;

a portion of the second plastic side of the barrier foil is adjacent to the second leg of the U-shaped portion; and

the terminal side surface of the barrier foil is adjacent to the transverse portion of the U-shaped portion.

18. (new) A fitment as claimed in claims 16 or 17 characterised in that the transverse portion of the U-shaped portion directly contacts the terminal side surface of the barrier foil.

19. (new) A fitment comprising:

a base flange;

a hollow spout operatively connected to the base flange;

a removable part within a base of the hollow spout;

an overcap for resealably closing the spout; and

a barrier foil with a first plastic side, a second plastic side opposite to the first plastic side, an aluminum foil located between the first and second plastic sides, and an edge having a terminal side surface comprised of a portion of each the first plastic side, second plastic side, and aluminum foil;

wherein a portion of the base flange extends over and directly contacts the edge of the portion of the aluminum foil associated with the terminal side surface.

20. (new) A fitment as claimed in claim 19 characterised in that:

the base flange comprises a U-shaped portion having a first leg, a second leg that is separated from the first leg, and a transverse portion that extends between the first leg and the second leg;

wherein the U-shaped portion contains a portion of the barrier foil such that:

a portion of the first plastic side of the barrier foil is adjacent to the first leg of the U-shaped portion;

a portion of the second plastic side of the barrier foil is adjacent to the second leg of the U-shaped portion; and

the terminal side surface of the barrier foil is adjacent to the transverse portion of the U-shaped portion.